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December 21, 1998

Magalie Roman Salas, Esquire
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Carbondale, Colorado.

Sincerely,



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Before the
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In the matter of:)

Amendment of Section 73.202 (b))

Table of Allotments)

FM Broadcast Stations)

(Carbondale, Colorado))

RM-_____

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 244A (96.7 Mhz) to Carbondale, Colorado as its first local commercial FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 244A (96.7 Mhz) to Carbondale and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 244A to Carbondale will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Carbondale is located in central Colorado. It is also located within Garfield County, a county of some 29,974 persons. Carbondale has a population of 3,004 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 244A to Carbondale will provide the first local commercial broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest commercial FM allotment to Carbondale is located at Basalt, Colorado. Basalt is located 9 kilometers from Carbondale.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Carbondale is presently without local commercial FM service.

4. Carbondale would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no commercial AM or FM broadcast facilities within 9 Kilometers of Carbondale. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Carbondale area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 244A can be allotted to Carbondale and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Carbondale, Colorado	-----	244A

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 244A and the pertinent adjacent channels to 244A have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 39 - 25' - 30", W. 107 - 22' - 43") are that of a site located 14.7 kilometers west of the community of Carbondale. A site restriction of 14.7 kilometers west will be required to allot channel 244A to Carbondale. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Carbondale. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments under 73.207 or 73.215.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Carbondale would benefit from the allotment of channel 244A. It has also been shown that channel 244A can be allotted to Carbondale and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 244A for Carbondale, Colorado, 73.202.

8. Should channel 244A be allotted to Carbondale, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Carbondale, Colorado.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: December 20, 1998

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Michael Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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MAPFM search of channel 244A6 (96.7 MHz), at N. 39 25 30, W. 107 22 43.

Searching Channel 244A6 (96.7 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Montrose	CO	241	C	U	95.2	95.0	230.3°	0.2
KSTRFM	Montrose	CO	241	C	L	95.2	95.0	230.3°	0.2
ALC	Evergreen	CO	243	C	U	184.0	165.0	85.0°	19.0
KXPK	Evergreen	CO	243	C	L	165.1	165.0	80.3°	0.0
K244AN	Rifle	CO	244	D	L	36.3	0.0	288.8°	36.3
K244CI	Eagle, etc.	CO	244	D	L	60.4	0.0	55.4°	60.4
K244CO	West Glenwood Springs	CO	244	D	L	14.8	0.0	16.4°	14.8
K244DB	New Castle	CO	244	D	L	20.1	0.0	318.8°	20.1
ALC	Steamboat Springs	CO	245	C2	U	123.7	106.0	21.5°	17.7
KBCRFM	Steamboat Springs	CO	245	C2	L	123.7	106.0	21.5°	17.7
KCCY	Pueblo	CO	245	C	L	230.5	165.0	109.1°	65.5
K247AD	Carbondale	CO	247	D	L	0.4	0.0	77.9°	0.4

FIGURE 1
CHANNEL SPACING STUDY
CARBONDALE, COLORADO
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING